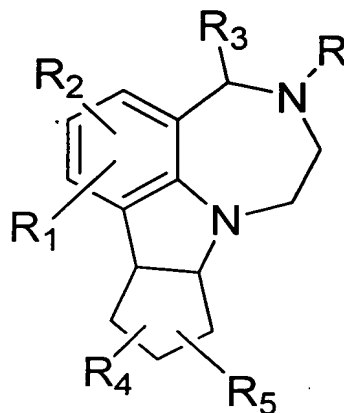


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This invention provides processes for preparing compounds formula:



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wherein R is H, alkyl, acyl, aryl, aroyl or  $-C(O)R'$ ; R' is alkyl or aryl; R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are H, -OH, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluorinated alkyl or alkoxy, -CN, -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH-alkyl, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R<sub>3</sub> is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, fluorinated alkyl, -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH-alkyl, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl, or aroyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as well as novel compounds useful in the synthesis of these compounds.